AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

1. NAME OF ITEM: Boardman Hall STEM Lab Renovation, UM

2. INITIATED BY: Norman L. Fournier, Chair

3. BOARD INFORMATION: BOARD ACTION: X

4. BACKGROUND:

The University of Maine requests approval to expend up to $610,000 of General Obligation Bond Funds approved by voters to renovate room 18 and associated support space in Boardman Hall which is used by Civil Engineering students.

This request is pursuant to Board Policy 701 which requires projects with a total cost of more than $500,000 to be considered by the Board of Trustees or its Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee. In this case, the request can be approved directly by the Committee and does not need to be forwarded to the Consent Agenda.

Boardman Hall Room 18 is a laboratory for studying and teaching about concrete and is original to the building. Primarily this room is used to provide Materials courses for Civil Engineering. Boardman Hall was built in 1948 and this lab was part of the original construction. The lab has received very minor alterations since it was built.

The proposed schedule for the project is to complete design during the fall and early winter of 2014 followed by construction during the summer of 2015. The scope of work includes improvements to material handling operations, heating and ventilating (including dust control and air quality), plumbing/drainage systems and general laboratory layout and aesthetics. This will address current code and safety concerns and will include minor asbestos remediation.

This project does not increase space at UM. It will improve the Net Asset Value. The estimated renovation age and net asset value of the original Boardman Hall (excluding the Edwards wing – built in ‘90) is 65 years and 32 percent, respectively. As a whole the building net asset value is 76 percent. No increase in operating costs is expected.

5. TEXT OF PROPOSED RESOLUTION:

That the Finance, Facilities and Technology Committee of the Board of Trustees authorizes expenditures of up to $610,000 from the proceeds of General Obligation Bond funds approved by voters in November 2013 to upgrade room 18 and associated support space in Boardman Hall.

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